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REPORT OF THE SESSION

Draft decisions recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

The Committee on Science and Technology recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION 1

Roster of independent experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Having reviewed the proposed roster of independent experts 1/ prepared by the secretariat of the Convention in accordance with decision 19/COP.1 based on submissions from Parties through diplomatic channels,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the secretariat to ensure that the roster is available in electronic form as well as through the regular channels of the United Nations system,

1. Invites Parties to supplement their submissions to the secretariat for inclusion in the roster to ensure that under-represented areas are addressed, in particular by:

(a) Making the roster more balanced in terms of gender representation;

(b) Ensuring better representation of relevant disciplines, particularly in the areas of anthropology and sociology, health sciences, legislation, microbiology and trade;

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/11 and Add.1.

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(c) Increasing representation of experts from non-governmental and international organizations;

2. Also invites Parties which have not yet submitted experts for the roster to do so;

3. Requests the secretariat to ensure that an updated roster is made available in electronic form as appropriate;

4. Further requests the secretariat to distribute a paper copy of the roster to Parties on an annual basis.

DRAFT DECISION 2

Other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting with appreciation the report of the secretariat of the Convention on other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the Committee on Science and Technology, 1/

1. Invites Governments to update the information contained in such reports by submitting to the secretariat in writing the names of and relevant information on additional organizations, whether national, subregional or regional by 30 May 1999;

2. Requests the secretariat to pursue potential areas of cooperation between the Convention and the other conventions and organizations specified in the annex to the document referred to in the preamble to this decision.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/CST/4.

DRAFT DECISION 3

Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the requirements of article 25 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind its decision 23/COP.1,

Noting the necessary contractual arrangements entered into by the head of the secretariat with United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of the Conference of the Parties for the completion of the work on survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

Noting also the efforts made by United Nations Environment Programme in its work on survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

1. Requests United Nations Environment Programme to continue to expedite this process in conformity with the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties at its first session, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session;

2. Further requests United Nations Environment Programme to submit a methodology for carrying out the second and third phases of the survey and evaluation for consideration by the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session in conformity with decision 23/COP.1, annex.